

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT
NO.: 14-4171**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff-Appellee,)
vs) MOTION TO WITHDRAW
AS COUNSEL OF RECORD
WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER BUTLER,)
Defendant-Appellant.)
_____)

COMES NOW, J. Merritt Wagoner, and hereby moves this Court to allow him to withdraw as counsel of record for the defendant above-named, William Christopher Butler. In furtherance of this motion, counsel asserts that the defendant has asked him to file a Notice of Appeal on the Judgment from February 20, 2014. Counsel believes the defendant will claim ineffective assistance of counsel. This assertion creates a conflict of interest for the undersigned counsel. Counsel requests this motion be granted and alternative counsel be appointed for the defendant. Defendant has been advised of his right to respond to this motion within 7 days.

WHEREFORE, counsel for the defendant moves this Court to allow him to withdraw from this matter and to appoint alternative counsel for the defendant.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of March, 2014.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, J. Merritt Wagoner, hereby certify that I caused the foregoing Motion to Withdraw to be served on the defendant by United States Mail, and electronically served on Ethan Ontjes, AUSA, and Jennifer May-Parker, AUSA, on March 11, 2014.

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